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To whom it may concern,

I am an associate professor in the Horticultural Science Dept. at North Carolina State University. I am writing to express my concern regarding the lack of labeling of genetically engineered foods. I consider myself an informed agricultural scientist. It is my belief that genetically engineered foods and all food ingredients should be labeled. I would like to express my concern for the lack of ecological testing that goes on with these crops, in the marketplace. In other words, I'd like a choice. After all, it is the basis (correct?) of our free market economy. Please require labeling.

I would also like you to mandate mandatory pre-market safety testing. As you know, we have paid a dear price for going to the market too fast with other agricultural products. In this case, the potential for great harm to our ecosystem services and processes is great. Certainly not worth the risk. For our children's sake.

Finally, I'd really like to see a moratorium on the release and use of GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for our environment and human health. There is no reason to rush. Our future depends on it. How would you like to explain to your grandchildren some major ecological disaster that threatened the ability of future generations to survive because we didn't have the foresight to act responsibly.

Thank you for considering this.

  
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